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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT: Briefing and Discussion of MX Basing Concept

1. Major Mike Havey of the Air Force MX Office will discuss the close-spacing MX concept on Wednesday, 12 May, 1000-1200, in Room 7-E-62 Headquarters. Several other Air Force officers will be along to discuss nuclear effects and intelligence-related aspects.

2. The Air Force is moving ahead rapidly with this basing concept, and Congress is likely to be involved soon. If the concept is accepted, we will need to analyze potential Soviet counters; we will likely be called on in a matter of weeks to comment on the technical merits of this basing concept. Subjects of concern are the nuclear effects involved, fratricide, RV design, fuzing, silo and system hardness, and Soviet approaches to attacking the MX system.


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